

DR-4512 (COVID-19) Public Assistance Program Houses of Worship Webinar

Presented by the VEST Finance and Recovery Sections

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Agenda:

- COVID-19 Disaster overview
- Public Assistance Grant Program
- Houses of Worship as PA Applicants
 PNP Eligibility Tree Discussion
- Application Process
- Contact/Assistance with Application Process



Declaration Summary

- Incident Period: January 20, 2020 and continuing
- Declaration Date: April 2, 2020
- Statewide Public Assistance (100% federal funded)
 Cat B- Emergency Protective Measures
- Request Deadline: Open and Continuing, no deadline for application at this time



FEMA Fact Sheet: Coronavirus Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures

 Eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials may be reimbursed

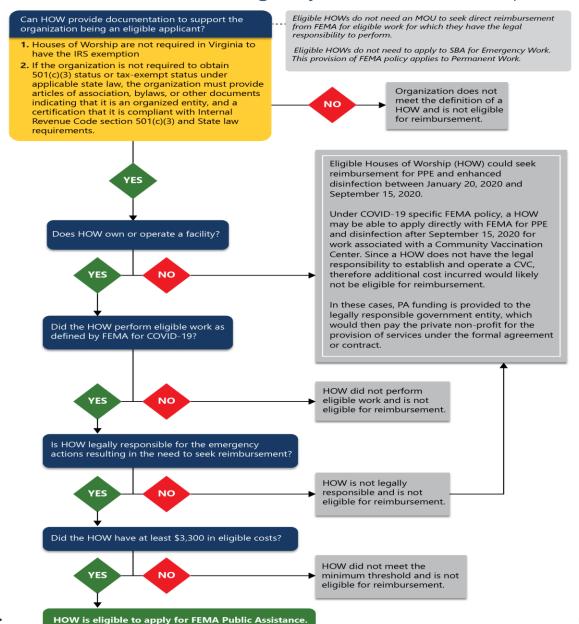


Roles and Responsibilities

Applicant	Recipient (VDEM)	FEMA
 Creates/Maintains Organization Profile in Grants Portal (GP) Attends Applicant Briefing Submits Request for Public Assistance (RPA) in GP Completes COVID-19 Streamlined Project Application and Uploads in GP Provides supporting documentation 	 Activates Organization Profiles in GP Conducts Applicant Briefing(s) Reviews RPA and makes recommendation Administers Grant Awards Grant management including reimbursement requests, scope of work changes, time extensions, and closeout 	 Approve RPAs Determine Eligibility Issue Determination Memos



FEMA Public Assistance Eligibility of Houses of Worship





Potential Applicants

- Visit grantee.fema.gov
 - Create Applicant/Organizational Profile (if new applicant)
 - Submit Request for Public Assistance under the event (DR-4512)



National Strategy Policy:

- Presidential Executive Order issued late last week regarding the <u>National Strategy for the COVID-19</u> response and pandemic preparedness.
- Focus on vaccination efforts, funding and resources.



Summary of National Strategy:

- Fairly compensate providers, and states and local governments for the cost of administering vaccinations (page 10) - The federal government will fund vaccine supply and will greatly expand funding for vaccine administration by allowing state and local governments to reimburse vaccination administration expenses through the FEMA.
- Implement a national strategy to support safely reopening schools (page 17).
- Establish new, federally supported community vaccination centers across the country (Pages 41-42).
- Increase emergency funding to states and bolster FEMA response (pages 69-70).
- Provide funding for PPE and other critical supplies through FEMA disaster relief (page 85).
- Restore FEMA reimbursement for sanitizing public transit (Page 92).



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Summary:

- Houses of Worship may be eligible for a Public Assistance (PA) grant for eligible emergency protective measures.
- VDEM can assist potential applicants in successfully formulating and submitting a Public Assistance project to expedite the progress from submission (applying for funding) to obligation (receiving funding).
- FEMA Grants Portal: grantee.fema.gov



Assistance with Project Formulation?



OUTREACH

Reach out to potentially eligible applicants to inform them of the program and how to appy. A widespread email campaign directs further questions to the customer service number.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/ TROUBLESHOOTING

Answer questions, provide customer service information, technical assistance, and troubleshooting to applicants in response to calls or emails.

2 TOUCH-POINTS

Prompt responses 24/7/365
Backed by defined, timebound metrics



1-800-609-9214

Calls fielded by a cascading tree of staff. Voicemails are captured via coordinating software, checked and responded to twice daily.



VDEMCommunications@iem.com Same day responses to email queries

More Eligible Applicants Aware of the Program



More Successful Navigation of the Application Process



More Eligible Claims Submitted











More Federal Funding Entering the Commonwealth of Virginia













Additional Resources:

- VDEM Coronavirus Website Resources: https://www.vaemergency.gov/coronavirus/disaster-grants-and-loans/gov-ngo/
- The webinar and slides will be posted here:

▼ Private-Non-Profit Guidance		
Resource	File	
PNP COVID-19 Eligibility Fact Sheet Final	PDF	
COVID-19 Private Nonprofit Organizations Fact Sheet	PDF	
PNP Eligibility Process Flow	PDF	
Cost Recovery Webinar Slides	PDF	
Webinar Playback Audio	<u>Audio</u>	

▼ House of Worship Guidance			
	Resource	File	
	Cost Recovery Webinar Slides	PDF	



Questions?



Contact Information Recovery@vdem.virginia.gov

THANK YOU!

